Colorado Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note

STATE FISCAL IMPACT

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TITLE: CONCERNING IN-STATE STUDENT CLASSIFICATION FOR DEPENDANTS OF

MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES.

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2013-2014	FY 2014-2015
State Revenue	See State Revenue and Expenditures.	
State Expenditures		
FTE Position Change		
Effective Date: August 7, 2013, if the General Assembly adjourns on May 8, 2013, as scheduled, and no referendum petition is filed.		
Appropriation Summary for FY 2013-2014: None required.		
Local Government Impact: None.		

Summary of Legislation

Under current law, a member of the armed forces is eligible to obtain in-state tuition notwithstanding his or her length of residency upon moving to Colorado on a permanent change-of-station basis or temporary assignment to duty in Colorado. This bill grants that same eligibility to any dependent of a member of the armed forces. This bill also eliminates the requirement under current law that the student be a graduate of a high school in Colorado. A student who qualifies for resident tuition pursuant to the bill is not eligible to receive stipends from the College Opportunity Fund.

State Revenue and Expenditures

There is no data to estimate the number of students who will meet the conditions of the bill. Assuming at least one student takes advantage of this change, state revenue from tuition will change. A student who would otherwise pay the non-resident rate will now pay a reduced resident tuition rate, resulting in a decrease in tuition revenue of approximately \$10,000 per student. Conversely, if the bill creates an incentive for students who otherwise would not attend a state institution, the school's tuition revenue is increased.

Departments Contacted

Higher Education Military Affairs